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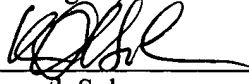
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STATUS INQUIRY

The last communication received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding the above-referenced patent application was the Postcard for the Status Inquiry, received June 26, 2002, regarding the status of a Petition To Revive the application. The Petition was submitted on November 29, 2001. We have not yet received a response to the Petition or to the Status Inquiry.

We respectfully request to be informed of the present status of the application.

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